



## The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Project

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## JULY 2005 COMMENT SUMMARY

### Introduction

The Alaskan Way Viaduct Project database contains 6,105 comments 98 of which were submitted in July of 2005.

### Origin of comments

Sixty-two of the comments received came from visitors to fair and festival information booths. Twenty came from attendees at community briefings held by the project team. Sixteen comments were submitted via email.

Sixty-six comments were received from the southern area of the project, 17 from the central area, and nine from the northern area. The origin of six comments could not be determined.

### Comment Categories

Each comment submitted is categorized by the content of the message. Please note that depending on content, some comments were grouped into more than one category. There are 60 comment categories divided into six sections. The sections are economic, structures/locations, transportation, design and construction, and environmental/public safety. The comment categories range from cost and freight to traffic, air pollution and public safety.

Comments were received in the areas listed below. These are groups of similar categories with the ideas that were expressed in the comments.

#### **Transportation:**

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulations, pedestrians, and bicycles. There were 54 comments in this group.

- Is there a policy that emphasizes freight and transit over general-purpose traffic?
- How many parking spots does this take away downtown?
- I'll be stuck in West Seattle.

#### **Design/Construction:**

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. There were 33 comments identified in this group.

- Have you decided on staging areas for the project?
- Can't you build the tunnel in stages rather than the whole thing at once?
- How does lowered Aurora interact with the Mercer Corridor Project?
- How safe is it to build under landfill?

**Economic:**

This group includes categories such as cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. There were 23 comments in this group.

- Public expenditure is good in this case.
- Too expensive.
- To what extent will the economic impacts for the construction stages be available for the public to look at?
- Are freight-only lanes on I-5 still being considered?

**Environmental/Public Safety:**

This group includes categories like noise, public safety, earthquakes, and visual quality. There were 14 comments in this group.

- Will the waterfront be all green space?
- Terrorist threat is a concern given the London experience.

**Transit:**

This group includes categories like monorail, light rail, and transit. There were 10 comments in this group.

- Consider extending the Elliot Bay Water Taxi to full time service throughout the year.
- Will this project go forward even without the monorail?
- Is it time to look at State programs to encourage people to move to transit?